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# Lady Death

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UNTIL  
THE  
END



Mike Deodato Jr.

# Lady Death

## #15- "Lucifer's Arena"

### Story So Far

Lucifer has released Lady Death from his curse, allowing her to return to Earth, but the Prince of Lies has baited a treacherous trap: both the executioner goddess Lady Death and her human counterpart, Hope, have returned! Lady Death had no time to avenge herself upon Lucifer; she had to battle the Riders of the Apocalypse! She slew Pestilence and Famine, then, ignoring a warning from the Archangel Michael, attacked War directly—and both Lady Death and War disappeared in a cataclysmic explosion!

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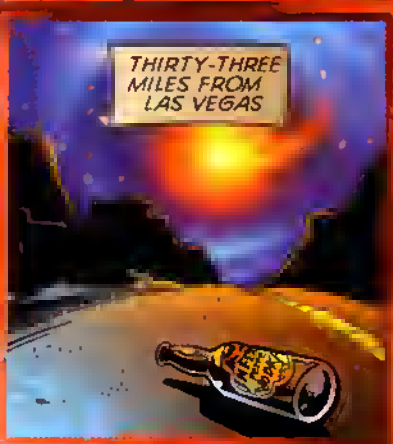
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  - '95 ● **LADY DEATH: Fan Edition**  
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YOU CAN TRANSPORT OUR BATTLE, BUT YOU WON'T --

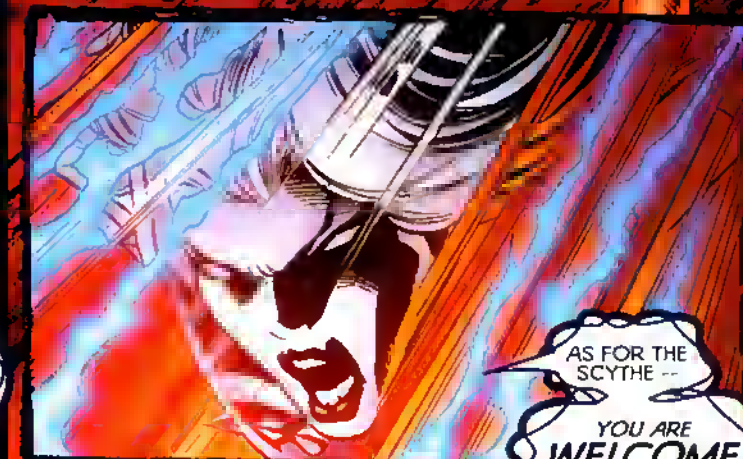
UNGGH!



YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE. YOU TOOK UP THE SCYTHE. YOU ARE DEATH!

I TOLD YOU AND THE OTHER INSUFFERABLE RIDERS OF THE APOCALYPSE!

I HAVE RETURNED TO EARTH! I WON'T TOLERATE YOUR INTERFERENCE!



AS FOR THE SCYTHE --  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO IT!



ARRGH!

YOU DARE TO STRIKE ME?

SHHH-RNCH

I'LL NEVER SURRENDER.

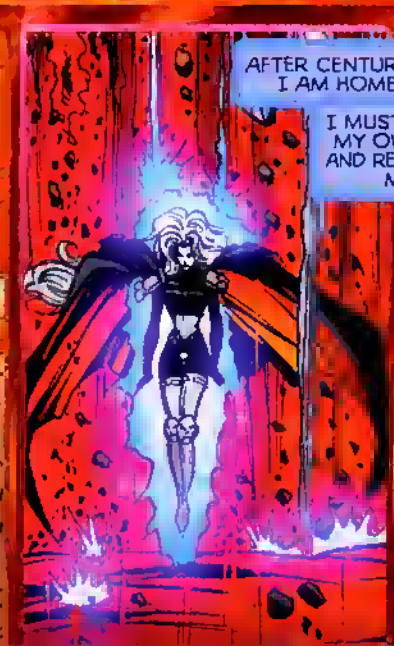


YOU FORFEIT THE SCYTHE THEN.



THIS IS NOT OVER, LADY DEATH!

IT IS, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!



AFTER CENTURIES, I AM HOME.

I MUST CHOOSE MY OWN PATH, AND RE-DISCOVER MY --



NO! NOT HER!

NOT HERE!



THAT BITCH LEVIATHA  
TRANSFORMED ME  
INTO THAT WEAK  
HUMAN, *HOPE!* SHE  
HUMILIATED ME!

SOMEHOW, SHE  
TOO SURVIVED  
HELL'S FALL!

SHE WON'T  
SURVIVE *ME!*

**B**ELOW LAS VEGAS'  
INFERNO CASINO,  
LUCIFER LAUGHS.

I HAVEN'T  
BEEN SO AMUSED  
SINCE I LIFTED THE  
CURSE BARRING  
MY PALE LADY  
FROM EARTH!



STOP  
PESTERING  
ME ABOUT MY  
RIVAL LEVIATHA'S  
GROWING  
POWER.

WITH A  
SIMPLE SIGN, I  
JUST THREW A  
FURIOUS GODDESS  
OF DEATH AT  
HER!

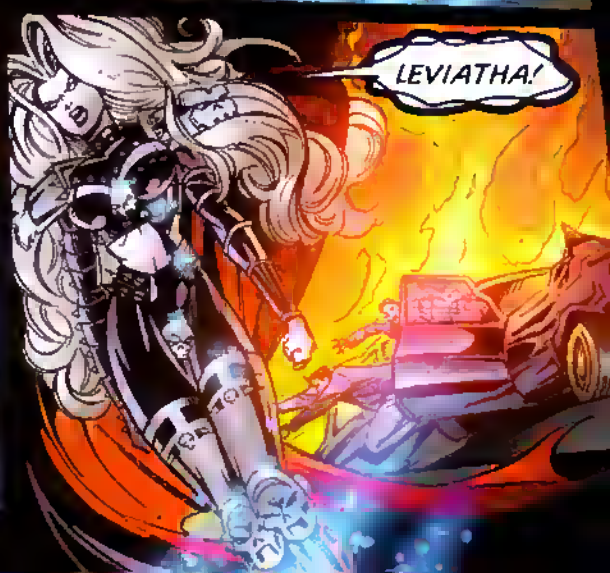
WHAT  
DO YOU  
SAY,  
SEANCE?

DR.  
HALE, YOU  
ARE GETTING  
BETTER AT  
THIS GAME  
EVERYDAY!  
HAHA!



WELL, MR.  
LOURDE, I'D  
SAY... LET US  
ENJOY THE  
SHOW?







THE INFERNO

TIME TO  
KEEP YOUR  
PROMISE, MY  
FRIEND.

MY ENEMIES  
ARE YOURS.  
REMEMBER?

NO, NO  
MASK TONIGHT.  
MY VISITOR *MUST*  
SEE THE NOBLE  
FACE OF THE  
ADVERSARY!

WHATEVER  
YOU SAY, MR.  
LOURDE

IN HOPE'S LIFETIME,  
THIS AWE-INSPIRING  
CASTLE WOULD ONLY BE  
FOUND IN HEAVEN—OR HELL!

THIS WAS NOT  
MADE BY  
MAN'S HAND!

THIS INFERNAL THING  
WAS RAISED BY  
THE SORCERY OF  
LEVIATHA!





YOU!

HUMAN  
PESTS.

YEAH,  
YOU,  
LEATHER  
GIRL!

LEVIATHA HAS DRIVEN  
THIS CITY INSANE!

THE FIRST PERSON TO  
EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE ME  
INSULTS ME -- CASUALLY!

THAT  
ACCIDENT!

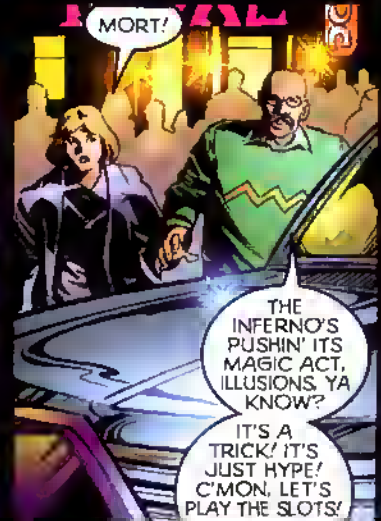
Uh, DID  
YOU --?



I AM  
NOT DISPOSED  
TO ANSWER  
QUESTIONS.



LITTLE MAN  
OF FLESH AND  
BONE.



MORT!

THE  
INFERNO'S  
PUSHIN' ITS  
MAGIC ACT,  
ILLUSIONS, YA  
KNOW?

IT'S A  
TRICK! IT'S  
JUST HYPE!  
C'MON, LET'S  
PLAY THE SLOTS!



D-DON'T  
MOVE!

ONLY HUMANITY'S  
SURFACE HAS  
CHANGED. AT  
HEART, THEY ARE  
STILL RABID  
BEASTS.

BEASTS TO  
SLAUGHTER.









HAVE THE  
POWER TO  
END THIS, MR.  
LOURDE

DON'T BE  
A FOOL, MY  
DEAR MAGE! THE  
INFERNO IS IN THE  
BUSINESS OF TEMPTING  
SINNERS THROUGH  
MINDLESS ENTER-  
TAINMENT.

MONEY  
CAN'T BUY  
THIS KIND OF  
SPECTACLE



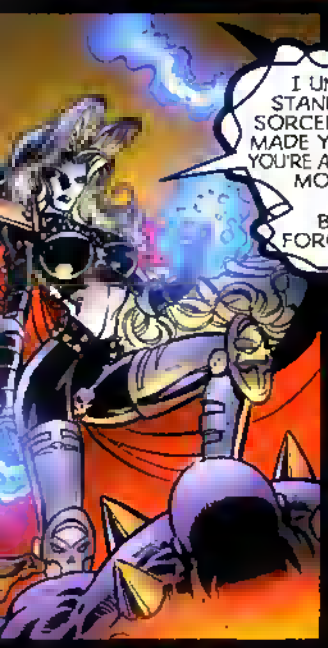
SHE WILL ROUSE THE  
FEW LAWS ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICIALS YOU DON'T  
OWN YET -- BUT I CAN  
DISTRACT THEM.

TEMPT  
THEM WITH SOMETHING  
DELICIOUSLY FORBIDDEN --  
INDULGE YOURSELF.



WHAT  
DID LEVIATHA  
DO TO YOU  
CREMATOR?

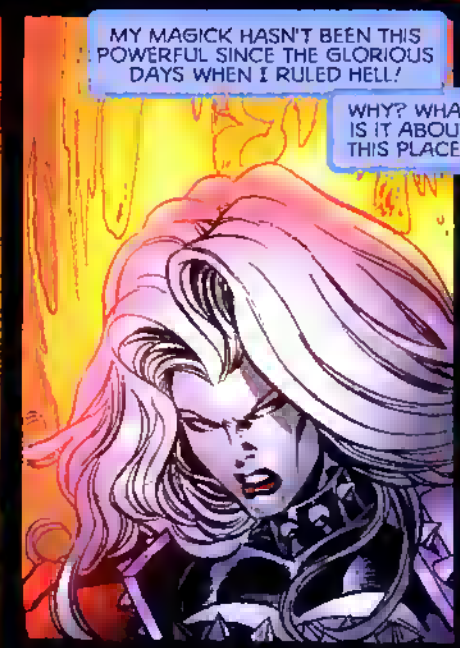
WHY  
DO YOU CALL  
ME THAT --  
RRRRGH!



I UNDER-  
STAND -- THE  
SORCRESS HAS  
MADE YOU THINK  
YOU'RE A MISERABLE  
MORTAL.  
  
BEG MY  
FORGIVENESS!

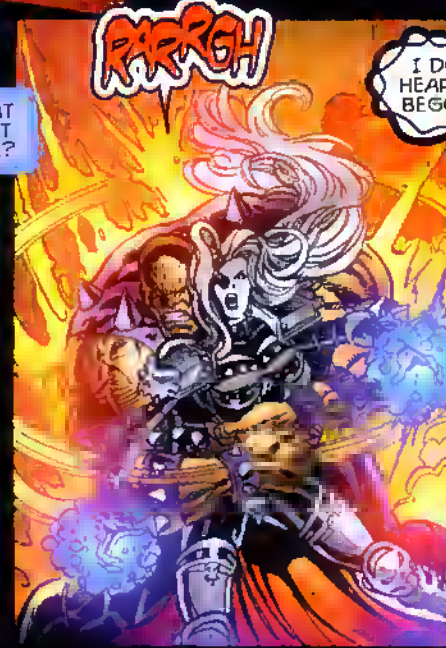


COULD  
A MORTAL  
SURVIVE  
THIS?



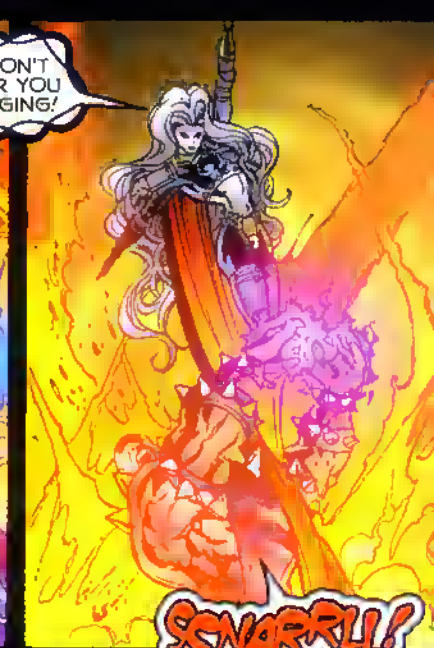
MY MAGICK HASN'T BEEN THIS  
POWERFUL SINCE THE GLORIOUS  
DAYS WHEN I RULED HELL!

WHY? WHAT  
IS IT ABOUT  
THIS PLACE?



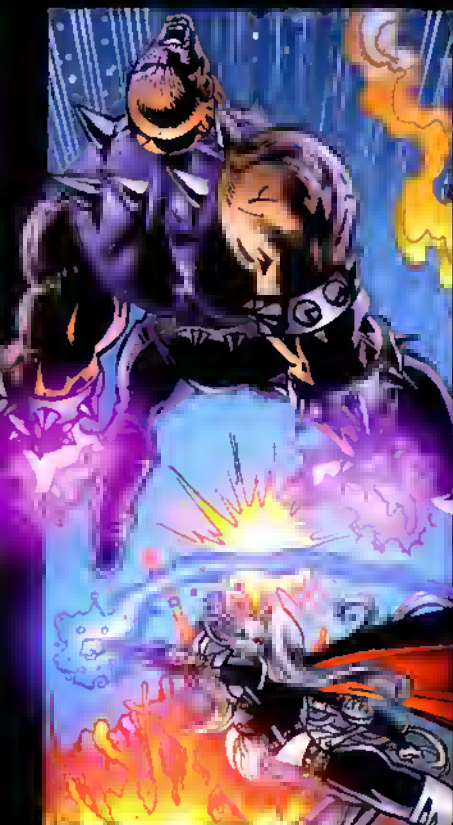
RRRRGH

I DON'T  
HEAR YOU  
BEGGING!



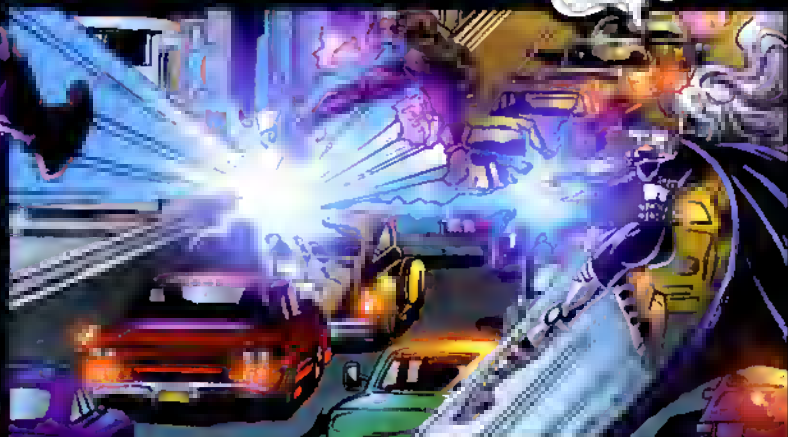
SNARRL!



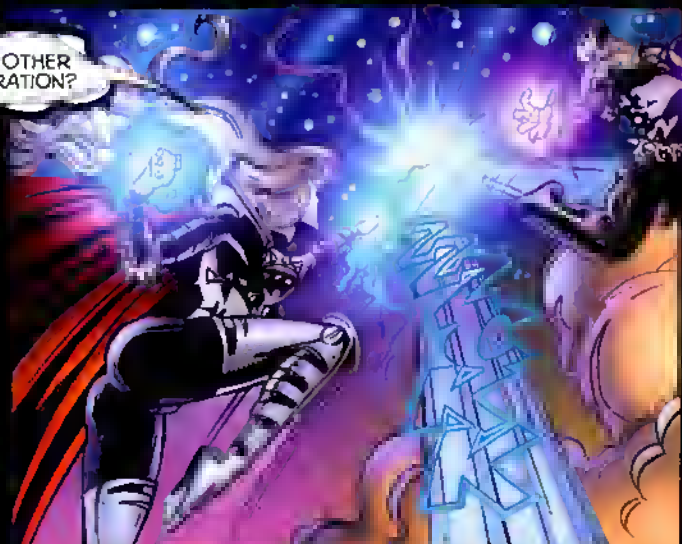


WHAT ARE YOU?  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT?

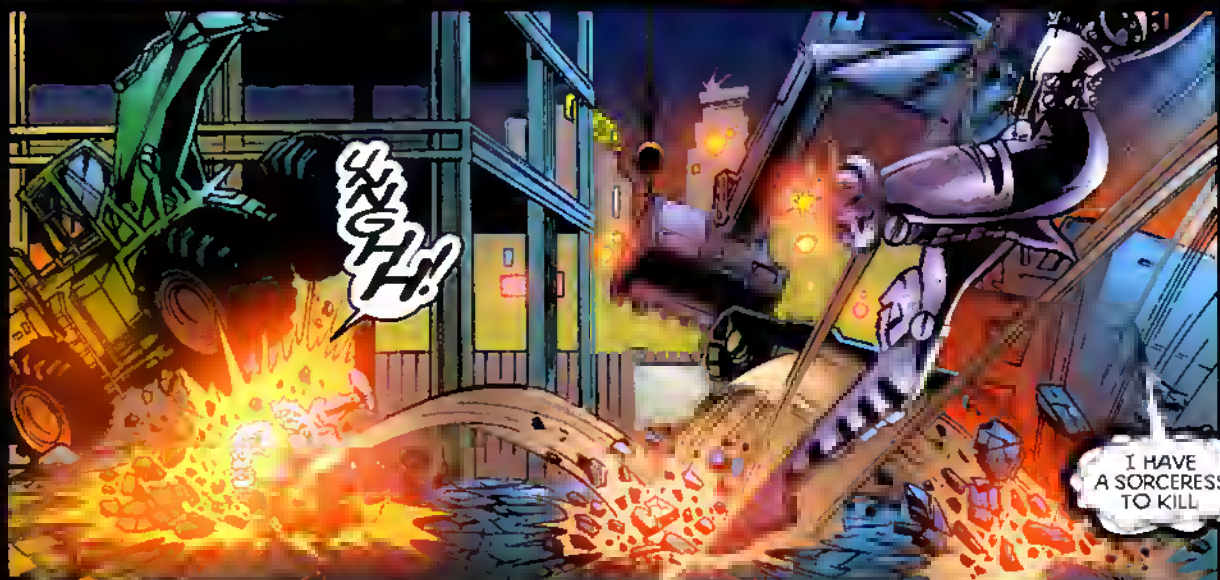
TO  
SHOW YOU  
YOUR TRUE  
SELF!



MY HANDS  
BURNING!  
RARRGH!



YES! ANOTHER  
DEMONSTRATION?



ZZZZ!

I HAVE  
A SORCERESS  
TO KILL



REMEMBER  
OR I'LL  
BURY YOU  
HERE



YOU  
KNOW IT'S  
TRUE! I AM  
DEATH.



LADY  
DEATH!



RRRRR!

URRGH?

BLACK-  
SMITH OF HELL,  
YOU COMMAND  
HELLFIRE! YOU  
FORGE **ARMS**  
FOR LORDS OF  
HELL!

REMEMBER!

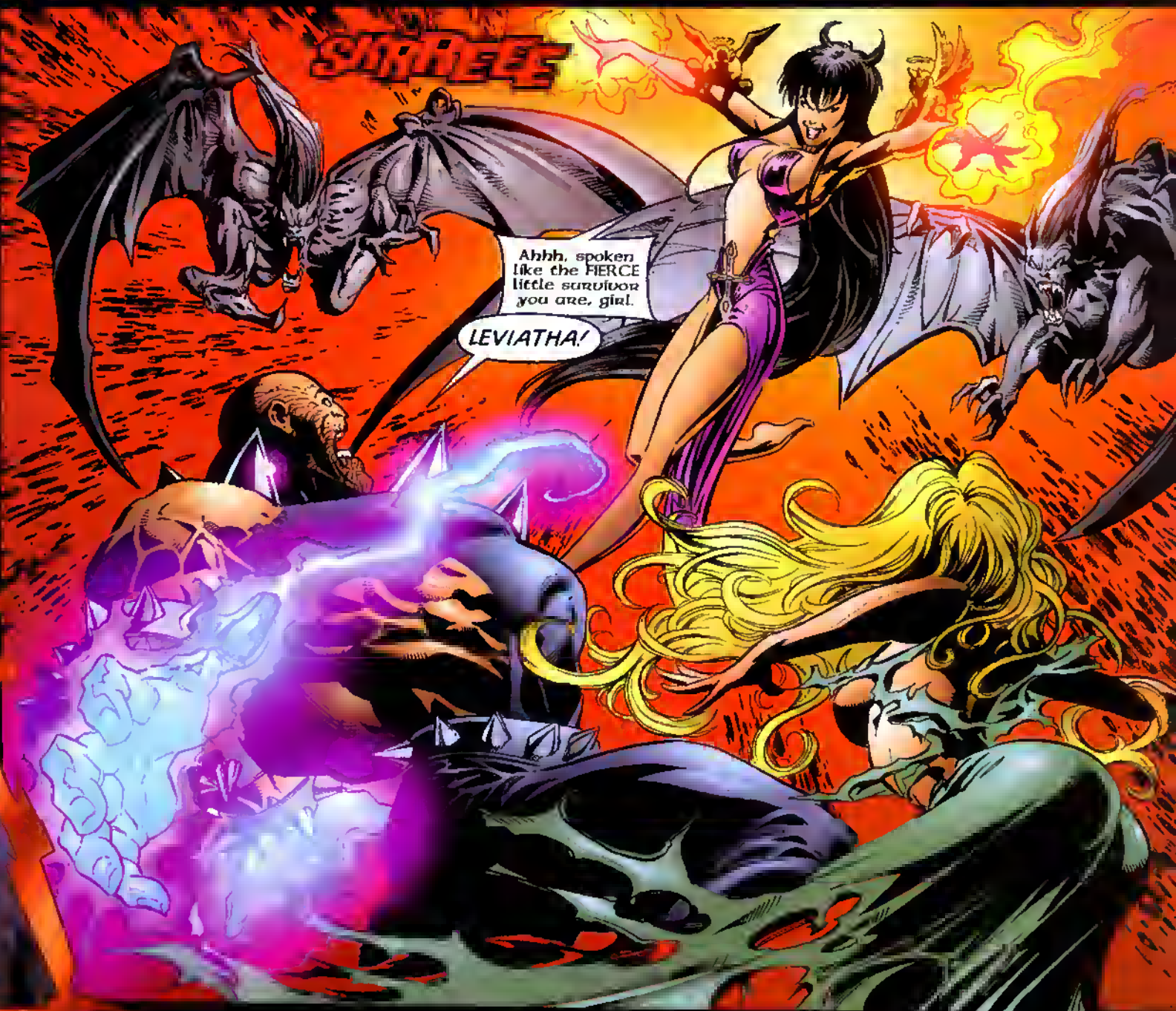
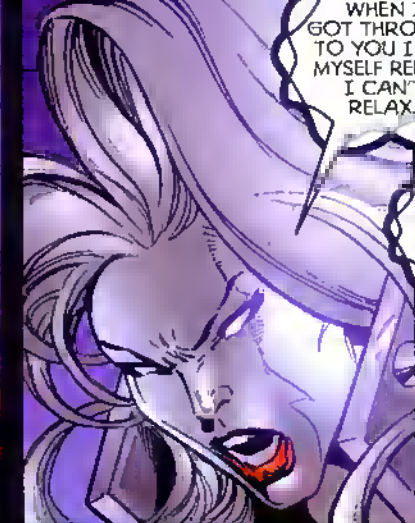


WHO MADE  
ME FORGET  
THAT I AM  
CREMATOR!

THAT'S  
BETTER.

LEVIATHA  
IS DEAD.



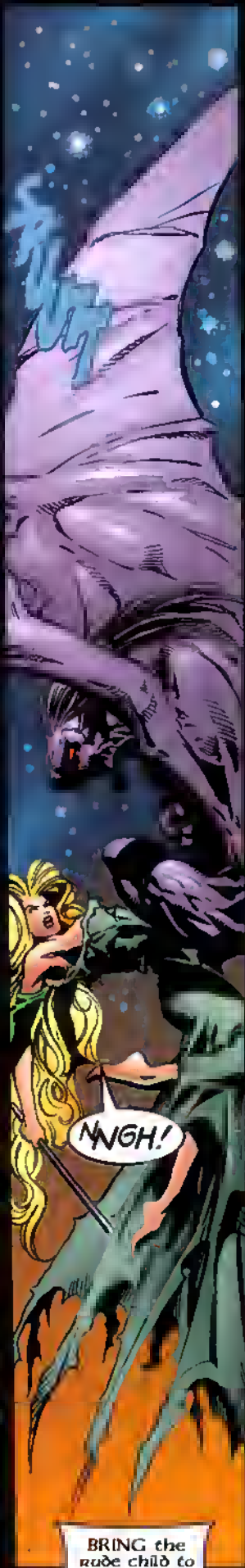






**SKREEE!**

LEVIATHA!  
STOP HIDING  
BEHIND YOUR  
TWISTED  
CREATURES,  
COWARD!



**NGH!**

BRING the  
rude child to  
me, SISTER!



YOU  
SAVED US THE  
TROUBLE OF  
STALKING YOU,  
LEVIATHA!



Even in mortal  
flesh, your PRIDE  
knows no bounds!

**HAHAHA!**

**SKREEE!**





BURN IN  
HELLFIRE!



POW!



HUNNH!

Give up,  
Hope.



SWEEP!

NEVERRRR!





Pay attention, you dirty little animal. Earth is mine. Not even my love, Lucifer, can resist me.

Feel your blood FREEZE in your all too-human veins!



YOU'RE -- S-S-SICK!  
W-W-WHERE'S LUCIFER? TELL MEE!



Haven't you distracted my beloved long enough? Time to burn!

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME FEEL

I'M COMING, MILADY!

I WON'T FEEL FEAR. WON'T LET HER... TAKE OVER... BEAT YOU... BEAT HER.

FOOMSH

Hope is dead! So ends the threat of Lady Death, Forever!

NOOOO!

HOPE IS NOT DEAD! WHEREVER YOU HAVE TAKEN HER, LEVIATHA, I WILL FIND YOU!



DEEP BELOW  
THE CITY

Her will to survive was incredible, my sisters. As pure as fire.



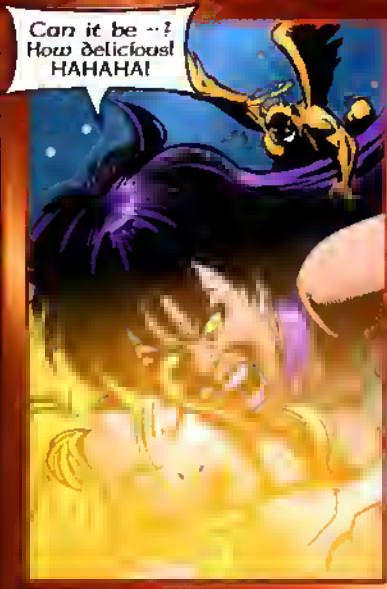
FIRE.

But she FORCED me to PLUCK her life from her, rather than surrendering to LADY DEATH'S return.  
I wonder.

FIRE.

FIRE.

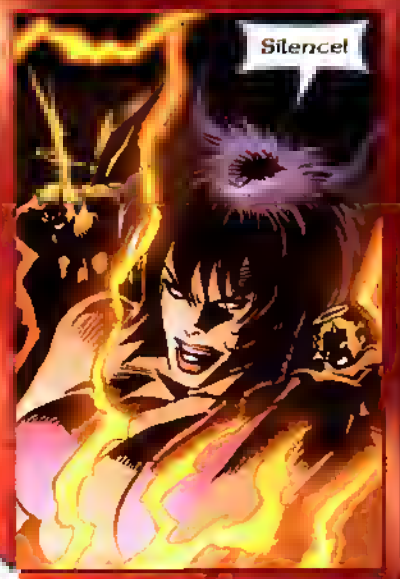
FIRE.



Can it be --? How delicious! HAHAA!



THE SIMPLEST TORMENTS ARE THE MOST EXCRUCIATING!



Silence!

BLEED HER!



The SIMPLEST  
torments  
are the most  
EXCRUCIATING!

If Lady Death  
merges with  
hope forever ..

CHOOM

--existence  
becomes exquisite  
TORTURE for  
them BOTH!

MOOOO!



**S**UDDENLY,  
WITHIN THE  
STORM OF  
MAGICK

SHOULD HAVE  
LISTENED TO YOUR  
**SLAVES** AND  
DESTROYED MY  
REMAINS,  
YOU ARROGANT  
BITCH!

DID YOU THINK  
I FORGOT HOW  
YOU **IMPRISONED** ME  
IN FLESH, MADE ME **HOPE**,  
AND **MOCKED** ME WHILE  
HEAVEN AND HELL  
ATTACKED?

I HAVE  
BEEN **SAVORING**  
MY **REVENGE**, BUT  
I NEEDED YOU  
TO SUBMERGE HOPE  
WITHIN ME,  
**FIRST!**

FROM  
THIS MOMENT  
ON, **LEVIATHA**,  
IT WILL BE MY  
PLEASURE TO  
MAKE EARTH  
YOUR  
HELL!

**NEXT: THE INFERNO**  
CONCLUDES IN  
**"Queen of Hell!"**





# The IMPENDING CHAOS! #18



YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - FEBRUARY '99

## From The Crypt

The Countdown to Armageddon continues! It will be the end of the Chaos! Cosmos as we know it! So what is all this leading to? What does it mean?

I'm not telling.

But I thought I'd address a lot of people's concerns. In the last year, I've gotten hundreds of letters concerned that Armageddon signals the ACTUAL end of the Chaos! Cosmos FOR REAL. Let me put the rumors to bed right here and now.

NO, the Chaos! Cosmos will not end LITERALLY. Armageddon is a storyline. It is a very devastating storyline, one that will have massive impact on the future, I assure you, but it is a storyline nonetheless.

Will there be Chaos! Comics beyond December 1999? Yup. We call it BEYOND THE END.

Will major characters die during Armageddon? Yes, a few major players will die (What I find so interesting is that our readership is so hardcore. I thought you guys would be thrilled to hear we'd do something so extreme. I found the opposite to be true. You guys love the characters so much you don't want them to go away. I appreciate that, but a few got to go!). Who's dyin'? I ain't tellin'!

Will Evil Ernie and Lady Death pursue megadeath - the extinction of all life on earth? Yes, I am personally returning ALL my characters to their roots, guiding them personally on their twisted paths.

Did we zig a few times when we should have zagged in 1998? Yes, we did. Do we plan to in 1999? No, we are heading at the speed of light toward a brick wall in the road called Armageddon. If you can handle it, come along. It won't be pretty. If you can't, get off now, 'cause we're goin' into high gear.

Chaos! on the brain.

*Brian Pulido*

-Brian Pulido

## The Low Down

### Pulido Returns to Lady Death with The Rapture

The time for the final battle has come Fiends, and the armies of Heaven and Hell stand ready. Armageddon begins in May with Lady Death: The Rapture, a four issue miniseries that features Lady Death creator Brian Pulido's first return to the character in years, along with killer art by Ivan (The Supernaturals) Reis and Joe Pimentel. Joining Pulido as co-writer for The Rapture is Len Kaminski, best known for his work on such diverse titles as Ghost Rider 2099, Hellstorm, Dr. Fate, and several Venom miniseries. "Len's got this incredible dark streak in his stuff that has always been dying to get out," Pulido says. "I think the guy has always had to write for Chaos!, and he's finally coming home. He's a real pro, and I'm thrilled to have him on board."

As Kaminski explains, The Rapture is a chance to finally spread his bloody, feathery wings. "Most of my entire career has been spent working for the mainstream publishers, and they've never really given me the opportunity to satisfy the fullness of my appetite for sex, carnage and blasphemy. Having to bring everything in at PG-13 levels was getting old fast, and with The Rapture, I really get to cut loose. It's very cathartic, and I'm enjoying the hell out of it."

The storyline kicks off in The Rapture #1 when Lady Death, seeking vengeance, unknowingly commits an act that has been prophesied for thousands of years and begins the chain of events that will lead to the final battle for all the Cosmos, nine months from now. Fittingly, The Rapture, the most important Chaos! miniseries in years, will be extremely reader-friendly, with no previous Lady Death knowledge required, so all Fiends are hereby required to get a friend to pick up issue #1 as well! "The Rapture is a fresh start," Pulido explains. "This story gets Lady Death back to her basics. It's truly a new beginning for Lady Death, one that people who may never have read or haven't read Lady Death since the earlier miniseries will be able to pick up and really enjoy. And as for long time readers? This

is the Lady Death they've been clamoring for." This is what Chaos! Fiends have been waiting for - the actual beginning of the end. When the final sentence of the story that begins here is written, the Chaos! Cosmos will never be the same! Be sure to reserve your copies of The Rapture with your retailer today!

### Lady Death The Rapture Omega Edition

Oh yeah Fiends - this is the good stuff! Be sure to enter the Lady Death: The Rapture Omega Edition contest with the entry forms in Lady Death: The Rapture #1. The lucky Fiend who wins will receive the ultra-rare (that means only 1 is ever gonna be made) Omega Edition of The Rapture #1! This once in a lifetime collectible features a hand-assembled edition of the comic with an exclusive cover commemorating the issue. Win this one, and Fiends across these 5D twisted states will envy you until the day you die!

### Evil Clowns Invade Chaos!

Coming in May, be on the lookout for clowns at your comic store - The Insane Clown Posse, that is. Thanks to Chaos! ICP will be making their comic book debut with May's Insane Clown Posse #1, written by Jesse Leon McCann, and penciled by Rob Brown. This is the place where you can find out all you want to know about how the Carnival Spirit transformed two street rappers into ax-wielding clowns. Fans of the band - don't worry - everything you know and love about the ICP is inside here as well! This is gonna be the hippest, happening comic come May!

### Smiley To Psychoburn Month Rocks!

The Psychotic Button rules in May! We couldn't stop him Fiends - Smiley called our manufacturers and ordered up a slew of gear with his leering mug on it, and now we've got to sell it. Here's what the deviant little bunon has coming in May:

- Smiley embroidered cap, one size fits all - \$19.95
- Smiley: The Psychotic Inflatable, a double-sided three-

foot diameter inflatable - \$24.95.

- Smiley Zippo lighter, with a picture of Smiley by Ed Benas - \$34.95
- Smiley The Psychotic Frisbee, drawn by Ed Benas - \$9.95
- Smiley Sucker #3, art by Ivan Reis - \$3.50

Be sure to tell your retailer what you want for your very own, otherwise, you'll lose out! Remember - if Smiley catches you, and you're not wearing his stuff - we can't be held responsible for your safety.

### Chaos! Original Art at chaoscomics.com

Our resident art-sorter and Marketing Director Bob Sprenger wants to remind all Fiends that there's a ton of new original art by some of your favorite Chaos! artists, including pages by Mike Deodato Jr., Jack Jackson, Al Rio and Peter Vale up for sale on the Chaos! website. He's scanned in some of the coolest pages for your perusal, including pages from Purgatori #1, Lady Death: Retribution, Pandemonium, and Lady Death #5 and #6.

And remember Fiends - it's easy to nab for your own - just find the piece you're interested in, call 1-888-CHAOS13 ext. 515, and tell Erik what pieces you're after (remember, it's always best to have a couple of different pieces in mind just in case one has sold out since you saw it on the website). Original art rocks Fiends - it's a one of a kind collectible from Chaos! - Where Darkness Dwells.

### Chastity Rapture, Depraved, Undertaker Variants Coming!

That's right Fiends, you demanded them, so here they are! Thanks to our pals at Dynamic Forces, variant covers to the coolest Chaos! books are coming your way! Be sure to check out The Undertaker #1 variant cover with art by Dan Jurgens and Jerry Ordway; Lady Death: The Rapture #1 and Evil Ernie: Depraved #1 variants with covers by Chris Bachalo; and coming in May - our own premium variant to Chastity: Lust for Life #1 by Humberto Ramos!

### Upcoming Online Chats:

Celebrate the return of Brian Pulido to the pages of Lady Death with Lady Death: The Rapture Chats held exclusively in the Chaos! chatroom at [www.chaoscomics.com](http://www.chaoscomics.com)! Ask about the story! Ask about Evil Ernie the movie! Tell

him ya love him! You'll need a 4.0 browser to access the chats, so make sure you're up to date! Brian and other surprise guests will be online and chatting April 7th and May 12th at 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time. Be there, or be damned!

You spoke and we listened - in addition to Chastity: Lust

### Chastity Cards Coming in May

For Life, Chas' brand new mini which launches in April, your favorite pop-culture vampire gets her very own trading card set in May. The 90-card set is composed of 30 subsets that feature some of Chastity's greatest moments; Chastity teamed up with the women of Chaos! and cards featuring Chastity modeling the latest swimsuit fashions. And like everything else we do - Smiley's got to have his say as well, so the psychotic button gets his own 3 card subset where he'll profess his great love (or is that lust?) for Chastity.

As a special bonus - there's also a limited six card chase set that will blow your socks off (if you don't wear socks, hold on to your toes!). Be sure to tell your retailer you want a box of these when they hit stores in May!

Collector's Corner on-line Offers Secure Ordering

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Can't find cool Chaos! merchandise at your local shop? Fear not Fiends - you can safely and securely order all your favorite Chaos! loot (including all the hard to find stuff!) online at [www.chaoscomics.com](http://www.chaoscomics.com). But remember - we do sell out of cool stuff occasionally, so order early and order often!

Look for details soon for our "Get Your Ass to

### Gory Bits:

Summerslam!" contest - winners get a trip to the WWF's Summerslam, and a chance to cheer on Chaos' favorite wrestler, The Undertaker! Do we have cool stuff planned for this summer? Oh hell yeah! 1999 is the year of Chaos! - look for big, BIG announcements coming soon about how we're gonna invade every corner of your world! The Undertaker is taking the comics world by storm! Sell-outs of issue #1 are expected across the country - be sure to get yours today!

## The Chaos! To Come Checklist

Enjoy life. Read comics more often! After all, who among us can get through the week without a certain amount of Chaos!? Be the first on your block to own the complete set of Chaos! Comics.

### March '99

- Purgatori #7 \$2.95
- Lady Death #15 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie #10 \$2.95
- Cremator #5 (OF 5) \$2.95
- Undertaker #1 \$2.95
- Smiley's Spring Break Special \$2.95

### April '99

- Chastity Lust for Life #1 (of 3)
- Lady Death #16 \$2.95
- Undertaker #2 \$2.95
- Smiley's Whacky Wrestling \$2.95

### May '99

- Chastity: Lust for Life #2 (of 3)
- Lady Death: The Rapture #1 (of 4) \$2.95
- Undertaker #3 \$2.95
- Insane Clown Posse #1 \$2.95

## FIEND ALERT

Notice Chaos! Comics selling out quickly? Want your Chaos! comics? LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! Pre-order Chaos! Comics at your local comic shop - or ask them to reserve you copies! DON'T MISS OUT!

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